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Info : USUN, New York

FROM : AmEmbassy, Mexico, D.F.

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SUBJECT : Cuban Ambassador to UN, Mario Garcia Inchaustegui

REF :

Ambassador Mario Garcia Inchaustegui, head of Cuba's Mission to the United Nations until a few days ago, arrived by air in Mexico City from New York with his family on November 5. He and his family departed within a few hours via the Cubana de Aviacion flight for Habana. He refused to comment on the Cuban crisis to Mexican newspaper reporters awaiting him at the airport.

Ambassador Carlos Lechuga, Cuba's representative in Mexico, departed some days ago, reportedly on transfer to New York where he is to replace Garcia Inchaustegui. Cuban officials out at the Mexico City airport on November 5 to receive the latter confirmed to newspaper reporters that he was being replaced at the United Nations by Lechuga, but that the latter, still accredited to the Government of Mexico, was expected to return here shortly for a brief visit formally to take his leave of the Mexican Government.

It has been rumored here that Lechuga will be replaced as Ambassador to Mexico by career diplomat Raul Primelles, presently a member of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations.

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For the Ambassador:

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Counselor of Embassy

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